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4. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and reviewed with him the correspondence relating to SLUC. In brief, it would be his opinion that the Agency should take whatever measure necessary to avoid coming under the jurisdiction of GSA and the Public Works Committee with regard to Agency properties.

I reviewed with him the Director's correspondence with Judge Sirica and Senator Proxmire's news release on NRO last weekend.

I also responded to his questions concerning the Wall Street Journal item on SAT, the Evening Star item on Agency use of journalists, and a Washington Post item on the tapping of Russian car telephones.

I reviewed with Preston the NASA response to Representative Robert Tiernan (D., R.I.) concerning coordination between NASA and DOD on space activities. He told me that in addition to the original alert he had received from me he has also given Chairman Mahon a note on the current inquiry from Tiernan to DOD. Chairman Mahon has not spoken to Tiernan about the matter nor has Tiernan made any direct inquiry to the Chairman. Preston does not believe that Chairman Mahon will support Tiernan in his request for information on cost and duplication of space activities between NASA and DOD.

He thanked me for the Director's quick response concerning Chairman Mahon's request for specific information of a Navy-related matter, but told me he will still be tied up until the first of the week. He would hope he would be able to meet with Warren Magnusson and me at that time.

He noted also that he is cognizant of the fact that a couple of items [] may be trouble for us and that he would hope to meet with me and [] as soon as possible, probably late next week on these matters.

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5. [] At the suggestion of Ted Shackley, talked to [] WH Division, about the availability of one of our employees for a particular assignment abroad. [] said WH Division would like to accommodate this request and I gather he felt this assignment would be in the Agency's interest. The employee involved will return from overseas shortly after the first of the year and [] will be back in touch with us at that time. I attempted to reach [] to bring him up to date on this but he is out of town until Monday. I will talk to him about this at that time.

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